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**Stephanie Kost**

**From:** Deborah Ocot [ocot22@optonline.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2004 8:30 AM  
**To:** Michael Powell  
**Subject:** Violence/Sexual Innuendos

Deborah Ocot  
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August 25, 2004

Chairman Michael Powell  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Chairman Powell:

Most of the programming on the television, no matter what channel, has very obvious sexual innuendos and extreme violence. I have young children and would like to be able to enjoy watching TV with them. I am even offended and uncomfortable with most of what is on - whether during the day or in the evening.

Programming effects everyone regardless of their age. Through constant exposure to this type of programming our nation's people are becoming calloused to violence and learning that love is only about sex.

What message are we giving the rest of the world? We are a leader and as such must act with admirable qualities.

You have the power to effect change. Please use your position wisely - forget the advertising and marketing. Refer to your conscience for the good of our people.

Thank you.  
Mrs. Deborah Ocot

Sincerely,

Deborah Ocot

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**From:** Phil Johnson [pj4paws@outbound.capwiz.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 23, 2004 11:08 PM  
**To:** Michael Powell  
**Subject:** violence on TV, in Movies and Video Games

Phil Johnson  
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August 23, 2004

Chairman Michael Powell  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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Chairman Powell:

The level of violence that is out there has forced my wife and me to stop watching TV and going to Movies, do not even get me started about the video games. We have to go to the Net to get our News because we do not want to be exposed to the crud. If the Government is going to put information on the TV then we will not get it.

Please start doing your job and clean up the mess, or we may start to focus on those who do not and put other people in.

Sincerely,

Phil  
(763)425-8612

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**From:** Cathy Brown [cabrown@dundee.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 21, 2004 8:52 AM  
**To:** KAQuinn  
**Subject:** Violent television

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Cathy Brown  
1285 Meanwell Road  
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August 21, 2004

Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Commissioner Abernathy:

I believe the violence shown on TV is harmful to children and do not allow it to be watched. I also do not watch it myself. I believe it desensitizes us to the horror and doesn't address the impact of the violence on peoples lives.

Sincerely,

Cathy Brown

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**Stephanie Kost**

**From:** Tammy Dahlberg [btfamily@hickorytech.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2004 12:04 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Subject:** T.V. Violence.

Tammy Dahlberg  
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August 19, 2004

Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Commissioner Adelstein:

My name is Tammy, me and my son Davis 7 years old have this to say about the bad things on T.V.

Davis is concerned about kids having night mares. My children do not watch T.V. Because I can't trust what you put on public programing.

My children are 7 and 5 years of age. We only watch Public T.V. because it is only there that I feel my kids are safe from harmful violence that abounds in television today. I think that my son's concern about kids having nightmares is a real fear. I grew up in front of the T.V. and I had terrible nightmares that I still remember today.

I feel that T.V. violence is hurting our children in 2 very distinct and long-term ways. One is that it is DECENSITISING our kids on how other people feel. How many times have you heard you mom say, "how would you feel if someone did that to you." I think with children watching hours and hours of T.V. they truly will not know what it would feel like. They are harmed in the area of developing empathy and proper acceptable social conduct.

2nd way that T.V. Violence hurts children is in the area of mimicking the behavior and actions on T.V. I am not talking about the acts of children throwing there little sister around after watching W.W.F. That has happened more times than we care to hear. I am talking about my son watching the Olympics on T.V. and the next day at the pool he is swimming laps and practicing jumping into the pool like the men's U.S. Team did. Children are creatures of what they see. The saying I am familiar with is that with children; "More is caught than taught." This means that we have to be consistent in our actions with our words. I know that what I am saying may not make for good T.V. However our society today needs all the catching good things that violent acts.

Thank you for this chance to be heard.

Tammy Dahlberg

Sincerely,

Tammy M. Dahlberg  
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**Stephanie Kost**

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**From:** Von Trullinger [von\_trullinger@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2004 2:48 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Subject:** Violent Television Programs

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Von Trullinger  
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August 16, 2004

Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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Commissioner Adelstein:

I have dramatically cut back on my TV watching due to the excessive violence and imorality on TV. I belive there needs to be stricter rules so that the networks cannot just put anything they please on TV. Some argue that this is impinging on our freedom of speech, bull. We need to protect our children and future generations.

Sincerely,

Von Trullinger  
541-990-8787

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**From:** Peggy Krober [pek@faithmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 11, 2004 9:49 PM  
**To:** Michael Powell  
**Subject:** Violence on TV

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Peggy Krober  
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August 11, 2004

Chairman Michael Powell  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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Chairman Powell:

I'm not a big TV viewer, but when I do, I weary of clicking channels and finding violence SO prevalent. PLEASE put a stop to this. It is NOT a benefit to our nation. Studies show time and again that violence DOES affect children negatively. Don't we want our children to thrive in positive ways? Don't we want to teach them there is a better way to handle anger than with fists or pulling triggers?

Thank you for taking action to clean up TV. Please do even more.

Sincerely,

Peggy Krober

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**From:** Carla Sternhagen [chagen@vcn.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 11, 2004 8:52 PM  
**To:** Michael Powell  
**Subject:** Violence on TV

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August 11, 2004

Chairman Michael Powell  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Federal Communications Commission  
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Chairman Powell:

Thank you for asking our opinions on this subject. I believe children do imitate things seen on TV we have already been given proof when a young boy tried a wrestling hold on a smaller young boy as seen on TV. If we allow this to continue the children will be lead to believe it was shown on TV it must be OK. Please consider some serious restrictions our future generations deserve to grow up in a peaceful society too.

Sincerely,

Carla Sternhagen  
307-358-6462

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**Stephanie Kost**

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**From:** Belinda Wells [wells410@midssouth.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 10, 2004 4:24 PM  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Subject:** Violations of FCC regulations

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Belinda Wells  
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Bartlett, TN 38135

August 10, 2004

Commissioner Michael Copps  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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Federal Communications Commission  
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Commissioner Copps:

I urge you to continue to be aggressive in punishing TV networks and individuals who run afoul of laws governing broadcast indecency. I encourage you not to stop at issuing fines, even hefty fines, but to consider revoking the licenses of particularly egregious offenders.

Sincerely,

Belinda Wells  
901-937-8021

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**Stephanie Kost**

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**From:** fknapp@knappagency.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 10, 2004 11:26 AM  
**To:** KAQuinn  
**Subject:** Please Appeal Recent DC Circuit Court Decision

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Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, NW  
Washington DC 20554

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Dear Chairman Michael Powell,

The SC Small Business Chamber of Commerce strongly opposes the Supreme Court decision not to review a lower court ruling that will keep BellSouth competitors from fair access to its network. 'Impairment hearings' by state regulatory agencies are vital to keeping a competitive telephone market and thus lower costs to small businesses. As President of the Small Business Chamber, I urge the FCC to either pursue an appeal to the Supreme Court or craft new meaningful regulations that will provide protection for small businesses from giant telephone company monopolies.

Cc: Senator Ernest Hollings, Senator Lindsey Graham, Representative James Clyburn, FCC Commissioners, Bush Administration Officials

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**Stephanie Kost**

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**From:** William Strine [kyhoff99@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 05, 2004 6:41 PM  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Subject:** Violence on the airwaves

William Strine  
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August 5, 2004

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Commissioner Michael Copps  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Commissioner Copps:

In response to your call for the public's opinion, this is to state our belief that you have a lot of work to do to reign in the inappropriate violent content available to kids on television. Inactivity for years on the part of Congress and the FCC has left a minefield of violence in which to trap and partially destroy the youth and innocence of our kids. But, it's NEVER too late; please, do the job that our kids and grandkids need you to do, and put the hammer down. Now. To make a stand or do the right thing takes courage, but it will have desirable results. Thank you,

Sincerely,

William W. Strine  
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**From:** Lyn Bush [lhb1014@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 02, 2004 1:37 PM  
**To:** KAQuinn  
**Subject:** Violence on TV

Lyn Bush  
1014 Columbine Road  
Asheville, NC 28803

August 2, 2004

Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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Federal Communications Commission  
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Commissioner Abernathy:

I am strongly opposed to violence on TV as a parent. As an adult, I have the capabilities that allow me to filter information based on my beliefs and maturity. Children have not yet formed these basics simply because it is a process that takes time. We do not watch much TV because of the programming, but where I am deeply concerned is during "wholesome" television...and sports when these violent shows are broadcast as advertisements...not to mention the sexual content. Isn't there something we could do? It's obvious that our children...especially boys are more violent than ever and it HAS BEEN proven that there is a connection.

Thanks for anything you could and would do to help our children grow up with less exposure to violence.

Most sincerely,

Lyn Bush

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**Stephanie Kost**

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**From:** Lisa Taylor [thomas.lisa@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 02, 2004 9:14 AM  
**To:** KAQuinn  
**Subject:** violence on televsion

Lisa Taylor  
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August 2, 2004

Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Commissioner Abernathy:

Dear Commissioners,

Our family is very concerned about violence on televsion to the point that this concern has simply caused us to turn off our television set. My husband and I grew up enjoying televsion and have many fond memories of different shows, but because of the extreme violence, sex, and vulgar language of today's programming we simply do not watch prime time. We will not risk our children's hearts and minds. We would love to see better programming return to us so that we might enjoy televsion once again.

Sincerely,

Lisa Taylor  
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**Stephanie Kost**

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**From:** David Johnson [dwjohnson@qbiz.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 01, 2004 6:50 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Subject:** The impact of excessively violent broadcast television programming on children

David Johnson  
164 Joan Dr.  
Collegeville, PA 19426-1957

August 1, 2004

Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Commissioner Adelstein:

Dear FCC Commissioners;

In general, my wife and I feel that many of the shows on TV today are either too violent, or too sexually explicit.

As a result of this, we do not have cable and we generally only watch shows that are on our local Public Broadcasting Stations. We also watch America's Funniest Videos and Home Make Over, as well as Jeopardy and my wife and I occasionally watch the news.

Many of the current popular shows send our 10-year-old son running from the room screaming, either because he is scared, or embarrassed.

Sincerely,

David W. Johnson

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**Stephanie Kost**

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**From:** Katherine Hardy [kkhome@hardycarey.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 31, 2004 9:37 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Subject:** violence on the airwaves (radio,TV,cable,internet)

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Katherine Hardy  
306 Cedar Dr  
Metairie, La 70005

July 31, 2004

Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Commissioner Adelstein:

I am strongly opposed to the violence that is being shown and heard on the airwaves which includes the language, moral content or rather lack of: The visual images repeated over and over have a strong negative impact on our children and grandchildren. The many surveys that have been taken only prove the point that violence and sexual content is not suitable for not only children but adults as well. It is eroding our society and I fear for our future generations. We will not watch or listen to programs that have a violent or offensive sexual content in our home. Thank you for wanting to hear the public's input. It's a shame that some broadcasters have sunk to such a low level. Certainly there have to be more creative minds to be able produce clean entertaining programing. KKHardy

Sincerely,

Katherine K Hardy  
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**Stephanie Kost**

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**From:** David Bell [babyhannah@usadatanet.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 31, 2004 6:59 AM  
**To:** KAQuinn  
**Subject:** Violence, Sex, and Language on Television (VSL)

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July 31, 2004

Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Commissioner Abernathy:

Dear Commissioners;

I would like to tell you of my opinion of todays television programming. We are foster parents that take youn boys and girls into our hoome. As a result, these children have seen enough of the above types of behavior in real life. What they need is wholesome examples of living. We as a family therefore never turn on the television in the evening unless it is for a video. There is no reason we NEED to have all of this raunchy entertainment in our home or our lives. I realize that there are a LOT of good programs and story lines on the air, but there is no reason to have that same story line filled with sex, violence and filthy language. It never ceases to amaze me that we can watch a show for 45 minutes and really enjoy it, only to have it destroyed by 2 or 3 minutes of swearing or sex. It is as though the producers have set a goal to introduce VSL into every show that they can, whether it ineds it or not.

Please Continue doing your part to clean up the filth that Hollywood has determined to broadcast into our homes. Even more so encourage others to Turn Off TV! if they do not agree with the programming.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Dave Bell  
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**Stephanie Kost**

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**From:** Mary Clougher [he\_saved\_us\_2000@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 30, 2004 10:32 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Subject:** Excessive violence on television

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July 30, 2004

Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Commissioner Adelstein:

We are parents of a 12 year old child and are very concerned about the excessive violence shown on television. Thus far we have been able to shield our child from viewing violence on television but there are many children that we know of whose parents are not in a position to do the same. PLEASE -- WE URGE YOU TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN FROM VIEWING VIOLENCE ON TV!

Sincerely,

George & Mary Clougher

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## Stephanie Kost

**From:** Martha Hunt [hunthunt@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 30, 2004 10:08 PM  
**To:** KJMWEB  
**Subject:** Violent Television Programming

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Martha Hunt  
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Commissioner Kevin Martin  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Commissioner Martin:

I am writing in response to your request for input from Americans on how they feel about violence on TV. I am very strongly opposed to the level of violence that exists in television programming today. I think it has reached a point to where it is definitely damaging to children as well as adults who are watching it.

I am the mother of five children, and to be perfectly honest with you, I watch very little TV these days because I do not find much of the programming to be inoffensive enough to watch. Nearly every prime time show I happen to tune into briefly with the "clicker" while passing quickly through the channels is saturated with violence and/or sex. I have no desire to fill my mind with such trash, nor do I want my children exposed to such.

I have no doubt in my mind that television programming has a huge effect on our society because of its pervasiveness. Almost everyone in this country has constant access to a television. I think that we would be very wise as a country to look carefully at what we allow over our airwaves, because it has a direct pipeline into the minds and hearts of our constituency. Television definitely "teaches" values and attitudes by demonstrating visually and auditorily scenarios, behaviors and attitudes that viewers might choose to embrace. It also plays a huge role in desensitizing young as well as grown people to the things presented on the screen. Actions, words, and scenes that once would have shocked and horrified past generations become blase' to those who experience them over and over again via television.

Suffice it to say that I am strong proponent of close scrutiny by the FCC of the violence as well as the sexual content that is allowed on our airwaves. It's time to turn back the clock and return to more wholesome entertainment. I would be so grateful for your support in protecting my family from the harmful effects of much of the programming that is on the television today.

Sincerely,

Martha Hunt  
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**Stephanie Kost**

**From:** Isaac Lovelace [ike\_net@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 02, 2004 1:10 PM  
**To:** KAQuinn  
**Subject:** Violence/Values on Broadcast TV

Isaac Lovelace  
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August 2, 2004

Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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Commissioner Abernathy:

Dear Honorable Commissioner,

First allow me to applaud your request for public inquiry on the subject of violence on broadcast television. I see this as a great step forward in your agency taking appropriate steps to represent and protect the best interests of the American public - Thank You!

I am the proud parent of 3 children ranging in age from 3 to 12 years. My wife and I take very seriously our responsibility of raising our children to be well-balanced, respectful members of our local, national and global community. As such, we understand the most basic concept of "input vs output", or as commonly referred "garbage in - garbage out". We used to be cable TV subscribers but felt compelled to cancel our subscription due to objectionable violence and content which was incongruent with the values we were trying to raise our children to embrace. This was even the case with much of the "Kid Friendly" programming. We decided to limit our family TV consumption to broadcast programming as we felt it generally would be less violent and include less vulgarity since the FCC monitors them. However, the violence, sexually explicit episodes and vulgarities have been dramatically increasing all under the guise of "true to life" or "reality" television. It is my opinion that TV programming has shown a continual negative trend in two general categories: 1. Grotesque gore and violence, and 2. Degrading personal value or worth.

Just a SAMPLE of prime time broadcast shows that we find most offensive to the values we're trying to instill in our children are, for violence: CSI  
- all versions Without a Trace Cold Case NYPD Blue NYPD 24hr Law & Order  
- all versions Crossing Jordan Kingdom Hospital The Practice

For degrading personal value:

The Swan  
The Ultimate Love Test  
Temptation Island  
The Bachelor  
The Days  
Simple Life  
Who Wants to Marry My Dad/Mom?  
For Love or Money

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The shows listed above are only a sample of the type of programming we do not allow our children to view.

To be fair, I'd like to include a sample list of prime time shows our

family enjoys watching: The Apprentice The Amazing Race Survivor Extreme  
Home Makeover 8 Simple Rules America's Funniest Home Videos George Lopez  
Hope & Faith Who Wants to be a Millionaire / Super Millionaire

Once again thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on broadcast  
television. I hope the feedback I've provided is useful.

Sincerely,

Isaac Lovelace